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HETEROCYCLES AS SODIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS: UNDER 37 CFR 1.42

This is a decision on the declaration filed 23 September 2005, which has been treated as a request for status under 37 CFR 1.42.

BACKGROUND

On 23 September 2005, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, inter alia, the requisite basic national fee as required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), and an executed declaration as required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4). The declaration, however, is signed by Jeffrey M. Fisher as legal representatives of the inventor now deceased Michael H. Fisher.

DISCUSSION

The declaration is accepted under 37 CFR 1.42 because it includes the citizenship and mailing addresses of Jeffrey M. Fisher (legal representatives) and of deceased inventor, Michael H. Fisher. Accordingly, applicants have satisfied the requirements under 37 CFR 1.42.

Thus, the requirements under 35 USC 371(c) are satisfied.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the submission of the declaration under 37 CFR 1.42 is **ACCEPTED**.

The application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for processing in accordance with this decision. The 35 U.S.C.§ 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) date of this application as 23 September 2005.

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